

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph on page 3, between lines 4-8 of the specification with the following:

A commutation circuit 5 comprising switching transistors T1-T4 controlled by a control circuit 6 is connected to the ~~chopper 3~~ commutation circuit 5. In the diagonal branch P1-P2 of the bridge-shaped commutation circuit 5, there is a coil L2, which is connected in series with the electric lamp connections of the lamp L, and a lamp capacitor C3 which is parallel-connected to these connections.